

What is claimed is:

1        1.        A method of treating a site comprises:  
2                sparging the site with an air/ozone gas stream  
3 delivered with a hydroperoxide, which is a substantial  
4 byproduct of a reaction of a contaminant present in the  
5 aquifer or soil formation with the ozone.

1        2.        The method of claim 1 wherein the air/ozone gas  
2 stream is delivered through a microporous diffuser that  
3 delivers the air/ozone gas in microbubbles.

1        3.        The method of claim 1 wherein the hydroperoxide is  
2 selected from the group consisting of formic peracid,  
3 hydroxymethyl hydroperoxide, 1-hydroxylethyl hydroperoxide,  
4 and chloroformic peracid or their derivatives.

1        4.        The method of claim 1 wherein the hydroperoxide is  
2 selected based on the type of contaminant present in the  
3 site.

1        5.        The method of claim 1 wherein the hydroperoxide is  
2 delivered as a surface layer over microfine bubbles  
3 including air/ozone gas stream.

1        6.        The method of claim 1 wherein sparging comprises:  
2                introducing air including the oxidizing gas into  
3 the microporous diffuser.

1        7.            The method of claim 1 wherein the sparging  
2 comprises:  
3            introducing hydroperoxide as a liquid into the  
4 microporous diffuser.

1        8.            The method of claim 1 wherein the microporous  
2 diffuser includes promoters or nutrients such as catalyst  
3 agents including iron containing compounds such as iron  
4 silicates or palladium containing compounds such as  
5 paladized carbon and platinum.

1        9.            The method of claim 1 wherein the microporous  
2 diffusers have a pore size in the range of about 1 to 200  
3 microns.

1        10.           The method of claim 1 wherein the hydroperoxides  
2 are byproducts of a reaction involving the volatile organic  
3 compound with ozone.

1        11.           An apparatus for treating subsurface water  
2 comprises:

3            a well having a casing with an inlet screen and  
4 outlet screen to promote a recirculation of water into the  
5 casing and through surrounding ground area.

6            at least one microporous diffuser disposed in the  
7 injection well that allows delivery of a first and second  
8 fluids with one of the fluids forming a coating over the  
9 other of the fluids;

10           an ozone generator;

11                   an air compressor and compressor/pump control  
12 mechanism to deliver ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) from the ozone generator to  
13 the microporous diffuser as one of the fluids;

14                   a source of the liquid hydroperoxides selected  
15 from the group consisting of formic peracid, hydroxymethyl  
16 hydroperoxide, 1-hydroxylethyl hydroperoxide, and  
17 chloroformic peracid or their derivatives; and

18                   a feed mechanism to deliver the selected liquid  
19 hydroperoxide to the microporous diffuser as the second one  
20 of the fluids.

1       12.           The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the feed  
2 mechanism is a pump.

1       13.           The apparatus of claim 11 wherein air ozone is  
2 delivered to a central inner chamber of the microporous  
3 diffuser and the liquid hydroperoxide is delivered to an  
4 outer chamber of the microporous diffuser.

1       14.           The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the microporous  
2 diffuser has a porosity characteristic that permits bubbles  
3 of 5-200 microns diameter to be released into the  
4 surrounding formation.

1       15.           An apparatus for treating subsurface water  
2 comprises:

3                   an sparging apparatus that is disposed through a  
4 soil formation, the sparging apparatus comprising:

5 a microporous diffuser positioned through a bore  
6 hole disposed through the soil formation or of a type that  
7 is injected into the soil formation;

8 a treatment control system comprising:  
9 an air compressor that feeds a mixture of  
10 air/ozone into the microporous diffuser and  
11 a feed mechanism to supply to the diffuser a  
12 liquid decontamination agent comprising a hydroperoxide.

1 16. The sparging apparatus of claim 15 wherein the  
2 microporous diffuser is disposed through a vadose zone and  
3 an underlying aquifer in the soil formation.

1 17. The sparging apparatus of claim 15 wherein the  
2 microporous diffuser is coupled to appropriate piping to  
3 connect sources of decontamination agents to the microporous  
4 diffuser.

1 18. The sparging apparatus of claim 15 wherein when  
2 fluid is injected through the microporous diffuser the  
3 microporous diffuser enables a water pattern to evolved  
4 about diffuser where light bubbles tend to travel upwards  
5 and heavier bubbles tend to travel downwards.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the microporous  
2 diffuser has a porosity characteristic that permits bubbles  
3 of 5-200 microns diameter to be released into the  
4 surrounding formation.